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25X1 The following information on the 48th Inf Regt, BENESOV (O 50/L 95) was secured

1. Higher headquarters:

Division headquarters in C. BUDNOVICE (O 48/M 94). The regiment was inspected twice by General IMRO and once by General VASATKO. The latter was allegedly stationed in PILSEN (N 50/L 04).

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3. Disposition:

a. Hq Co and Tech Co in the old Prague Barracks, BENESOV.

b. One battalion in the Kourimska Barracks and the hospital for incurables, PELHAMOV (O 50/M 41).

c. One infantry gun unit in VLASIM (O 50/M 14), since the late fall of 1948.

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5. Personnel:

Soldiers of the 1926 (about 60 percent) and 1927 (about 40 percent) classes; about 70 percent of them were Czechs and about 30 percent Slovaks; about 20 percent were Communist Party members. About 50 percent of the BM disliked the Communist regime.

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6. Weapons (Hq Co):

Rifles 98 (German), rifles 24 (Czech), light machine guns 26 (Czech), submachine guns 44, new submachine guns PPS (Soviet) 7.62-mm pistols.

7. Vehicles (stationed in BENESOV):

Five MAZ and Studebaker trucks, two passenger cars, fifteen 250-ccm Jawa motorcycles.

8. Other units:

a. Signal unit in the new Prague Barracks, BENESOV.

b. Large military motor vehicle repair shop, BENESOV, where motor vehicles from TABOR (0 50.8 01) were also repaired.

25X1 Comment:

25X1 a. The 48th Lomacino ocbofe Inf Bn, BENESOV, is unknown from previous information.

25X1 The report confirms and supplements the following data:

The PRUMETOV battalion is the II Bn, but the I Bn, confirmed in TABOR up to December 1948, was not mentioned.

The regiment's infantry gun unit in VASIL was reported for the first time.

25X1 b. The signal unit reportedly stationed in the new Prague Barracks, BENESOV, is one of the companies of the BENESOV 2d Sig Regt whose 3rd and 6th through 9th Cos were last identified in this barracks in June 1949.

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